

In the specification:

Page 2, lines 18-25 (last paragraph) through page 3, lines 1-6, please delete entirely and replace with the following new paragraph:

According to one aspect of the present invention, a reception data synchronizing apparatus is disclosed for obtaining synchronization between reception data having a plurality of synchronism patterns and expectation data as an expected value of the reception data. A synchronism pattern detecting timing recording means records a first synchronism pattern detecting timing at which a first of the plurality of synchronism patterns is detected in the reception data. A collation and synchronism decision means collates the reception data with the expectation data to decide whether or not the reception data is consistent in phase with the expectation data according to the first synchronism timing. The synchronism pattern detecting timing recording means, when the collation and synchronism decision means gives a decision for inconsistency in phase, records a second synchronism timing as the first synchronism timing. The second synchronism timing is a timing at which a second of the plurality of synchronism patterns is detected.

Page 3, lines 14-26, please delete entirely and replace with the following new paragraph:

According to another aspect of the present invention, a reception data synchronizing method is disclosed for obtaining synchronization between reception data having a plurality of synchronism patterns and expectation data as an expected value of the reception data. A synchronism pattern detecting timing recording step for recording a synchronism pattern detecting timing at which a first of the plurality of synchronism patterns is detected in the reception data. A collation and synchronism decision step for collating the reception data with the expectation data to decide whether or not the reception data is consistent in phase with the expectation data according to the first synchronism timing. The synchronism pattern detecting timing recording step when the collation and synchronism decision step gives a decision for inconsistency in phase, records a second synchronism timing as the first synchronism timing. The second synchronism timing is a timing at which a second of the plurality of synchronism patterns is detected.

Page 4, lines 12-27 through page 5, lines 1-4, please delete entirely and replace with the following new paragraph:

In yet another aspect of the present invention, a computer-readable medium embodying a program of instructions for execution by the computer to perform a reception data synchronizing method is disclosed for obtaining synchronization between reception data having a plurality of synchronism patterns and expectation data as an expected value of the reception data. A synchronism pattern detecting timing recording step for recording a synchronism pattern detecting time at which a first of the plurality of synchronism patterns is detected in the reception data. A collation and synchronism decision step for collating the reception data with the expectation data to decide whether or not the reception data is consistent in phase with the expectation data according to the first synchronism timing. The synchronism pattern detecting timing recording step when the collation and synchronism decision step gives a decision for inconsistency in phase, records a second synchronism timing as the first synchronism timing. The second synchronism timing is a timing at which a second of the plurality of synchronism patterns is detected.

Page 5, lines 13-27 through page 6, lines 1-3, please delete entirely and replace with the following new paragraphs:

In a further aspect of the present invention, a reception data synchronizing apparatus for obtaining synchronization between reception data having a plurality of synchronism patterns and expectation data as an expected value of the reception data is disclosed. A synchronism pattern detecting timing recording device that records a first synchronism pattern detecting timing at which a first of the plurality of synchronism patterns is detected in the reception data. A collation and synchronism decision device that collates the reception data with the expectation data to decide whether or not the reception data is consistent in phase with the expectation data according to the first synchronism timing. The synchronism pattern detecting timing recording device, when the collation and synchronism decision device gives a decision for inconsistency in phase, records a second synchronism timing as the first synchronism timing. The second synchronism timing is a timing at which a second of the plurality of synchronism patterns is detected.

Page 6, line 8 through page 13, line 9, please delete in their entirety.